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Officers, News and Notes

Dwain E. Manske was re-elected president of the Washington County Historical Society at the annual meeting held Jan. 21. Other officers returned for another term were vice president, Bunn Bell; secretary, Lloyd McConnell and FLASHBACK editor, Dorris Hendrickson. Added to the executive board was Marvin Murphy who will serve as treasurer.

For many years the office of secretary and treasurer have been combined but with the increase in membership the job has become too time consuming for one volunteer, so the society upon recommendation of the Constitutional Revision Committee, amended the Constitution to include the office of treasurer.

Another person added this year is Mrs. Keith Newhouse, who will serve as assistant editor. Mrs. Newhouse will be in charge of special booklets and will assist with FLASHBACK.

Named to the board of directors were Cyrus Sutherland, Mrs. Everett Whillock and Mrs. Bennett Brogdon.

Annual reports were given including the fact that during 1972 the society had more than 670 members. Of those some 300 have renewed for 1973. Speaking of membership, all 1972 members are receiving this issue of FLASHBACK but it is the last one those who have not paid 3 memberships will receive. We're proud of being the largest county society in the state and so far no other county has contested our statement that ours is the largest in the country, so let's all renew our membership and keep the society growing.

Mrs. Dwain Manske reported on new acquisitions for the museum and library. Reports were also given by Mrs. Ralph Jones, hostess committee chairman, who will continue in that capacity this year. Mrs. Jones' report showed more than 1,000 persons visited Headquarters House during 1972, including some 200 who toured the building the night of the Society's first annual ice cream social; and by Mrs. Helen Lewis Bocquin who reported on acquisitions of furnishings for the house. Mrs. Jones noted that 75 volunteer hostesses donated between two and 34 hours to conducting tours last summer. The house is open from 1-4 p.m. daily May 31 through Oct. 31. Miss Helen Graham spent 34 hours at the house last year.

Announcement was made of a $1,000 trust fund established by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Feathers in memory of Mrs. Lessie Stringfellow Read. Interest from the trust fund is to be used for upkeep of Headquarters House. Feathers was instrumental in the drive to raise funds to purchase the house. Dr. H. E. Buchanan of Prairie Grove, whose memoirs

will be published by the Society this summer, made a $100 donation to the society.

Al Donaubauer, co-chairman of the committee appointed to raise funds to purchase and restore the Ridge House told the small gathering of members that the Ridge house had been included in the National Register of Historic Sites; that application has been made for a Historical Preservation Grant from the federal government to help with restoration and that the society had raised all but $23,678 of the local funds needed to match the federal grant. Donations to the Ridge House Fund are still being accepted and we must raise our share before the government funds will be allocated.

Tom Lavender announced that the society's annual auction to benefit Headquarters House will be held on March 31 at the Fayetteville National Guard Armory. Tom and Mildred devote many hours to this project and deserve the utmost support from area Society members. Anyone with resalable items to donate to the auction may contact any board member or bring them by the Society's office located in the garage north of Headquarters House.

Plans for the coming year again include an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Date for the social has not been set but will occur some time during the hot weather months.

Lloyd McConnell has completed work on marriage records from 1800-1889 and Mrs. Newhouse is in the process of preparing them for publication. The booklet should be on the market by mid-summer and will sell for approximately $5.00. Any one wanting to reserve a copy may do so by contacting the Society at P.O. Box 357, Fayetteville, Ark.

Work on the artifacts from the Ridge House archeological survey continues. Most of the restoration work has been done and cataloging is now underway. Hopes are that some of the more interesting pieces found intact or restored can be displayed in downtown Fayetteville soon. Mrs. Michael Hoffman and Mrs. Norma Hoffrichter of the University of Arkansas have been working closely with Society members on the artifacts since the departure of Pat Martin who supervised the dig.

Lin Wright, local public relations executive, has been retained by the society to launch a wide-spread publicity campaign concerning Headquarters House, so that more people will have opportunity to see an authentic ante-bellum home.

Among the additions to the library was a rare book, "Schoolcraft's: Tour of Western States", published in 1821 in London and copies of letters written by Miss Sophia Sawyer between 1840 and 1847. Added to equipment in the office is a much needed electric typewriter which makes the work of the secretary and editor much easier.

Paschal Letters (1840-1847)

George W. Paschal, an attorney in Van Buren in the early 1840's and later a Supreme Court jurist, came to Arkansas in the Cherokee Removal.

He was married to Sarah, daughter of Major and Susannah Ridge, and was a brother-in-law of Sarah Bird Northrup Ridge. Paschal, a Georgian, moved to Van Buren from Honey Creek and Bentonville and practiced law in Benton and Washington counties. Honey Creek was the area in the Cherokee Nation West where the Ridges settled after coming west. It is located in the extreme northeast corner of present day Oklahoma.

Paschal's letter books have been preserved and they are part of the Clara B. Eno collection in the Arkansas State History Commission in Little Rock. Some of them were written to Sarah B. N. Ridge after she came to Fayetteville in 1839 following the assassination of John Ridge at Honey Creek.

These family letters are scattered among the business letters he wrote from April 5, 1840 to February 1847. Many are faded and difficult to decipher. They were hand copied from the books by Mrs. Dwain E. Manske, Mrs. Michael Hoffman and Mrs. A. D. Donat. They are reproduced here as written.

The first, dated 14 April 1840, from Van Buren, was written about the time Mrs. Ridge was making plans for the education of her children and purchasing a house in Fayetteville.

Van Buren Arks. 14 April 1840
To Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge

My dear Madam:

I yesterday returned from a long tour, opened your letter of the 10th ult. I regret much that your ability would not permit you to carry out your good feelings on the subject of coming down. I have no hope that you could have given relief—but you might have prevented Sarah (his wife) from a relapse more dangerous than any yet, which want of coercion, has caused her to fall into. (I) fear as for influence, I believe she is pretty well lost to all human and divine. She has pretty well lost the use of herself, and really it seems that further resort to medicine is unnecessary. She has had an ague today and my only hope is that her complaint is turned into the ague which I know how to cure. Her disease, you are aware, is of

the mind. The continual lurking of a vengeful spirit which, I neither can comprehend, nor know how to cure. (Sarah Paschal had suffered the loss of her father, Major Ridge, her brother John Ridge and her uncle Elias Boudinot. All were assassinated for their part in signing the Treaty of Removal which brought the Cherokees to the west.)

I do not think we shall be up, for travelling will only make the matter worse and bring our troubles on others. Emily, (his daughter), is improving but has chills. I only have one chill a day and (as) soon as the fever is off, I go on plunging through rain and rivers returning home with more notes and less money. Please remember us kindly to your children.

Yours truly

Geo W. Paschal

The second letter to Mrs. Ridge is dated June 9, 1840.

Van Buren
To Sarah Ridge

My Dear Madam:

My wife has long had in contemplation to make a visit to yourself and her Mother, but her health, as you have doubtless heard, is so very poor that she has despaired of making the journey on horseback. She is now about writing to her mother to request her to send her Coach down for her, in order that she may go up about the first of July—I ought, sooner than that, to visit yourself and Col. Anderson (Hugh A. Anderson was administrator of the John Ridge estate) but my engagements will not allow it. My object now in writing to you is to request that you will send some word to McWilliams (R. S. McWilliams lived at Honey Creek) to allow your mules to bring down the carriage in case they can get no other horses. I am under this necessity from the fact that I have no horse but what is disabled and I do not think that our mother-in-law has a pair of horses. Your compliance will therefore much oblige me.

(Paschal was at this time, assisting Mrs. Ridge in the settlement of the Ridge estate.)

I have not time to begin now to write you any news from Washington. I have only to say that our government manifests a degree of interest and commisseration in your misfortunes worthy of sentiments of good hearts and feelings. They are anxious to do you every justice and they are now in possession of correct information. I am again lanquid—Sarah makes our daughter fat—Thanks—Give my love to your

children. I am respectfully yours—

Geo W Paschal

Two months later Paschal is writing Mrs. Ridge about the estate settlement.

Van Buren, Arks. 29th Aug. 1840
To Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge

My Dear Madam:

Capt. Armstrong (Capt. William Armstrong was Superintendent of Indian Affairs) arrived here yesterday. He has the order in regard to the debts due your late lamented husband. It becomes necessary to put the account in exact form an annex the affidavits of Childers (Wm. Childers, was John Ridge's agent when he came to the Cherokee Nation, West) and John Watie. (John Watie was a brother of Stand Watie who became head of the Treaty Party after the 1839 assassinations.) I have this day sent up to Col. Anderson to bring them both and all the books and papers here. Capt. Armstrong says it will be necessary to have Childers and Watie both at Fort Gibson. As the cheapest way of getting Childers I think you had best send one of your fellows to work in his place until he returns. By doing this and furnishing him a horse you can probably satisfy him. I would go up myself but my court convenes in a few days. I have written to Col. Anderson to go for Childers and Jno. Watie but I have not mentioned the propriety of furnishing a hand in the place of Childers. You had best therefore enter him in the subject yourself.

We expect you down at our meeting on the 11th September. Bring a hymn book with you. Sarah and Emily are in tolerable health. I have had slight fevers for several days. I keep moving however through the day. I fear I shall not be able to keep up. Remember us kindly to your family—

I am yours truly
Geo W Paschal

There is a two months lapse of time again before Paschal writes to Mrs. Ridge.

Van Buren, Arks. 23 Oct. 1840
To Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge

My Dear Madam:

Since my hasty note to you dated 14 Sept. (by mistake) I have been so much engaged that I have not had

time to write. (The 14 Sept. letter was not in the letter book). We have all much improved in health since that time and can now eat against any (of) them individuals great or small in the State. I am also in some better spirits than when I wrote before. I think that if we were away from hearing of the ill-fated Indians we should be better satisfied. Several things have conspired to make me believe that we shall soon hear of serious difficulties in the Nation. Should the opposition succeed in the presidential election, I am induced to believe that Ross (John Ross who opposed the Cherokee emigration to the West and was the tribal chief) will go to every length. The great encouragement which he has everywhere received from the Whig Party will embolden him to any course. Even in this state they flocked around him, as though he had been some distinguished foreigner — I must confess my patience is well nigh exhausted with a party who seems to know no moral rule in their contest.

But I will leave this subject by hoping that you and your children are quite as well as we are. If court should be held in your county in Nov. I will try to bring our family up.

In haste
Geo W. Paschal

Paschal apparently had more time the next month for his letter writing and the next is written 8 Nov. 1840.

Van Buren
To Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 4th ult. was received by Jefferson (identity unknown) yesterday. Although the direction for him to remain here over Sabbath, did not exactly correspond with my notions of dispatch I was glad to have him remain as thereby I had a most social evening and also an opportunity to introduce Jeff into the mysteries of Van Buren. Perhaps it would even have been well to have had him remain a few days longer in order to recruit his oxen. Is there no course about Fayetteville? Fear, really I fear, that if they are not better attended to, you will have to send their hides to the tanner. But I must ask your pardon for reminding you of a perplexity which you have not the power to remedy. I really sympathisize with you on account of your afflictions. I had much rather have heard of your having a fever than a return of your previous disorder. Your doctors are you best advisers, but really I should think you "had ought" to take care of yourself during the winter.

Only again console you by adding that our afflictions are little less than your own. It would seem that Sarah is no sooner rid of one disorder than she is under the severe pain of another. The doctor is pleased to call her present complaint rheumatism. I do not exactly understand that kind of rheumatism which so completely prostrats her that when down she cannot rise without the most excruciating pain, nor move a limb with the most tender assistance. I suppose it matters little what the disease is when we can get no cure. The Doctor looks wise and says a more Southern climate would best suit you both. No doubt of it, I reply, then the consultation ends. Sarah sits up all day for the best of reasons, because when down she is in constant misery until she is up. Amidst all this affliction, however, her temper remains as equable as ever and she is most regular in her habits—she scolds the negroes when she first wakes—gets up about breakfast time, then flogs them all around, partly because they won't mind, and partly because they do not understand dusting furniture, making pastries & . . . the finished laundries. I myself think this most provoking, but perhaps you can explain to me why they have been so stupid, as not to improve their opportunities in raising. Or maybe you would exchange with us & let us have some who are both obedient and intelligent & thoughtful & careful.

Emily is herself again. She talks well and a great deal. Frequently speaks of you and your children by name. I am quite as well as I ever am. My habits are so sedentary for so robust a constitution. I will be at your place in a few days. I am quite provoked at the (illegible). Col. Anderson. I do not yet know who is to blame or I should be severe.

I will send you the articles requested. Sarah and Emily join in love to you and send you two dogs. They are (illegible) at our house. Accept my sentiments of esteem.

Geo W. Paschal

Writing on Christmas Day, Paschal tells Mrs. Ridge about a "drunken frolick".

Van Buren, Arks. 25 Dec. 1840
To Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge

My dear Madam:

You will excuse my not attending to your charge by Mrs. Evans (unidentified) when you hear that I was absent to Johnson Circuit Court. I have only this evening returned and just arrived in time to bid Mr. Evans and his Mother adieu. They are now in the Steamboat Cornith and would have been gone but for a drunken frolick in which the Captain engaged at Col. D's today. I

understand that all, without distinction of sex, have been most disgracefully "How Come You So" at that house today. This is not the first time lately among the refined in our society. I speak however in confidence and not as a censor.

I will send up your molasses and raisins by the first opportunity. I have determined to put Isaac to the bricklaying business as soon as Christmas is over. Should Stephen (one of the Ridge slaves) come down I shall try to put him to the same business if you approve it. I verily believe this will be the most thriving place on the river.

When Charley got here I had to recruit him before offering him in market. I have not been able to effect a sale of him. I had intended to ride him to Clarksville but he looked too poorly. To tell you the truth I fear he is defective and I would fear to warrant him. I think I shall have to return him to you.

I regret to hear of the disaster of Master Rollin. I hope you will not give yourself too much (illegible).

You must come down before Sarah's sickness. I leave that subject however for her. Remember me kindly to your children. I have a bushel of nuts for them and don't forget (illegible).

Yours truly
George W. Paschal

Paschal has apparently visited Mrs. Ridge between the above letter and the next for he is looking for two books he lost.

Jan. 17, 1841
To Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge

My dear Madam:

When last at your house I think I left there two small books of memoranda. At least, if I didn't have them then I don't know where I did have them. Please send them down by the first safe opportunity. I understand Mr. James A. Scott goes up in a few days. If I see him before he leaves I will give an order for them.

We have no worse complaint among us than bad colds. I have a few terrible night sweats and Sarah has to be lifted up every morning.

Chapter of accidents.

With all the corn and fodder I can get I can't recruit Charley. His eye still runs and (I) can't sell him. Must return him.

Owing to bad weather our rooms are not finished. On Friday our plank kiln caught on fire and burned up. Loss $250.00. Worse Still!

No more plank to be bought and no money to buy it with.

Sarah had written you a letter. I corrected the orthagraphy (32 words) and she burned it up and swears she will not write any more to anybody.

I have heard no more of your hopeful Stephen.

(Sarah) pleads with me if I may not come for you before Sarah's confinement. It will, we suppose, take place about the first of March. I think old Lyara (one of Ridge slaves) might take care of Clarinda (Sarah's mentally retarded or insane daughter) so some of your children might come with you. Give all our love to all your children.

Yours truly
Geo W. Paschal

Paschal's last letter to the Ridge family in his first letter book is one written to his nephew, John Rollin Ridge, son of John and Sarah Ridge.

Jan. 24, 1841
To Master Rollin Ridge:

I understand from your tutor that you have commenced the study of the Latin Language. The language in which the eloquent Cicero spoke — Virgil's language — You have no father to urge upon you the necessity of application to your studies. As a relative I take the liberty of tendering you a word of advice. It is now only 12 years since first I opened a Latin grammar. I then only wanted some two years to my majority. The first 12 months I read nearly all that it is usual to read at college. I did this by continued application.

I have a hint for you, my friend, you have to make your way through the world by the superiority of your mind and the diversity of your attainments.

It will not be enough for you to be equal to others. You must excel. To excel you must study night and day. I shall feel much anxiety in examing you when we meet. And if you have only learned how to decline a verb without having also found something of the beauty of the language I shall be disappointed.

Yours in much haste
Geo W Paschal

Paschal also included a letter to Mrs. Susannah Ridge, wife of Major Ridge who was assassinated at the same time their son, John,

was in 1839. Major Ridge's death occurred in Washington County near Dutch Mills.

2 Feb 1841
Mrs. Susannah Ridge
Honey Creek, Cherokee Nation

My dear Madam:

Your very welcome favour of the 28 January (two words illegible) came to hand this evening. I am sorry that, anxious as I am to get forward the money I am too much engaged to go up now. The reason you shall hear in a few words. Our court has (illegible, three words) . . . three weeks. I am engaged in about 80 cases and have a great deal of preparation to make which will take every hour from now until that time. I scarcely have a leisure hour, night or day. Besides we can put you (illegible) . . . which is only 28 days off. We are having our rooms finished so as to be in readiness.

Enclosed you have an account of the debts in my hands. I have written to Col. Anderson to send, or bring down, in full amounts in—so think the settlement may be made. You will see what amount you have to pay me by the account. I wait Childers and John Watie to make out the account of Glasgow and Harrison (a business firm doing business with Ridge Store at Honey Creek) and for you to bring it along with you. I have got answers from the New York creditors that all the money yet paid them received through mail. Sarah says tell you that she is making up the remnants (to) suit her and is much obliged to you for them. I am very glad to get such things for my store accounts are very high.

(Two remaining sentences are not possible to decipher).

George W. Paschal

Paschal tells Mrs. Ridge of the birth of his son in a letter dated 1 March 1841:

Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge

Dear Madam:

According to . . . (illegible) . . . the crisis was over with Sarah this morning at 1 o'clock. She was delivered of a fine son weighing 8 pounds. She seems to be doing very well. All things considered, we have reason to be thankful for their safe deliverance. We had Mrs. Rupil, a very good midwife with her. Little Emily is all ecstacies and the Court was sufficient to procure me leave of absence all days from court.

I am inclining to severe rheumatism too, with you . . . (three words illegible). I have had uncommon pains both in body and lungs for several weeks.

Mother Ridge has not got here. You have heard that she is sick.

I am sorry to hear that Clarinda adds to your troubles. But (no) alternative seems to be left for you.

I am sincerely, your friend,

George W. Paschal

P.S. Sarah wanted me to write last night as soon as the child was born, but no one was going up just then.

A relationship between the Ridges and Tebbetts is revealed in this letter to Mrs. Susannah Ridge. Jonas M. Tebbets, who built the Headquarters House, which is owned and maintained by the Washington County Historical Society, studied law under Paschal in Van Buren, before coming to Fayetteville.

30 April 1841

Van Buren, Arks.

Mrs. Susannah Ridge

My dear Madam:

After Mr. Tebbets returned with the U.S. paper which you paid him I intended to have soon gone to see you but my courts have come on hard. Sarah has been unwell and I cannot leave home until May. Having an opportunity of sending the money to New York I have sent my partner Mr. Campbell to Col. Anderson. They will go to you. You will therefore, please pay them all the specie you have in order that it may be sent off immediately. Our New York friends want the money. I intend to bring Sarah up in May. We can then make a settlement. I do not know exactly how the matter stands but Mr. Campbell has a paper which will show pretty well how much has to be paid. The babe does very well. Emily has the chills. Sarah is still very weak. I am not in very good health.

Yours very truly

George W. Paschal

Paschal apparently kept his word and brought his family to Fayetteville. He writes of the carriage over turning on their return home and while here he also delivered a lecture at the Fayetteville Temperance League meeting.

29 May 1841
Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge

My dear Madam:

Little Emily announced this day, when we left you, while her face was all bloody, caused by a gash in the forehead, cut when our carriage upset, and while I was running with her, all bloody, in search of water, exclaimed, "Tell Aunt Sarah! The carriage fell down and hurt Emma!" These were her first words and seemed to be her greatest comfort.

The carriage upset on comparatively level ground. Neither Anderson nor Sarah, nor the babe were injured. Emily had a severe gash cut in her forehead (and) her wrist was somewhat hurt and we were all greatly frightened. The coach was damaged though not materially. I walked that evening across the mountain and really I became doubtful next morning, when I was not myself, for I was more sore than any of the party. After the upsetting we got home with little or no accident.

We four are consams all pretty much as we left there save that our yard had been pretty well in and cleared off. Miss W. returned from Georgia but without nothing. The old lady was afraid to venture on this trip. There is no flour in town just now. But, on the first boat, I will then send you some. Mrs. P., Miss A. and Miss W. and Emily all join in love to you. (Miss A. and Miss W. are unidentified).

George W. Paschal

In August of 1841 Mrs. Paschal is again visiting Mrs. Ridge in Fayetteville for there are several letters to her in the letter books at that time. In October of the same year Paschal writes to Mrs. Ridge introducing a Mr. Snapp who is on his way to Missouri to purchase cattle.

It was not until January of the following year that Paschal writes again to Mrs. Ridge, and discusses the possibility of hiring Wahcola, one of the Ridge slaves for he wants to make a large crop and has only a small force. In February 1842 he is refering to renting the school house at Honey Creek.

Van Buren, Ark
1st February 1842
To Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Madam:

Mr. M. E. Hudson, who says he lives at Baity's Prairie called on me this morning with a view of renting the . . Illegible . . brick store . . illegible . . Knowing that Mother Ridge is wholly unmanageable I offered him Miss Sawyer's old School house for one hundred dollars per annum. He has agreed to take it provided it be not disposed of by the first of May. (The school was at Honey Creek.)

Knowing that this arrangement will Suit you, you will please forward the necessary directions to your agent at the farm. I am anxious that we should come to some agreement about disposing of the store house.

Yours truly
Geo. W. Paschal

In 1842 Mrs. Ridge sent her son, John Rollin, to the east to continue his education. Paschal's letter reveals that the treatment he received did not satisfy his mother.

Van Buren 31 May 1842
To Messrs. E. H. Robbins & Co.

Gent:

Some time since our mutual friend S. B. Ridge sent her son, John Rollin Ridge to the care of T. C. Doremus New York. Mr. D. sent him off to Mass. in a manner that hurt the feelings of his mother. The object of this letter is to ask you to become his banker, (and) to write her father Northrup of Mass., Stockbridge, authority to draw on you for, say $50 and that in situation to his finances he will correspond with you in future. I will make you early remittance soon for the purpose.

I trust to be able to bring Ridge Estate to a final settlement soon. There has been much unavoidable delay. You will notice in the papers that Watie has killed one of Ridge's murderers, and that new excitement prevails in the Cherokee Nation. (Stand Watie was acquited for the murder of Foreman.)

Your friend
G. W. Paschal

In January 1843 Paschal dissolved his partnership with Andrew Campbell because he had been elected to the Supreme Bench. The action was reported in the January 8, 1843 issue of the Arkansas Intelligencer published in Van Buren. The same notice included announcement of

the partnership of Campbell and Alfred W. Arrington and an earlier business card showed J. M. Tebbetts practicing as an attorney and counselor at law. The office was located in the brick building of Paschal and Campbell opposite the public square. In May of 1843 Andrew Campbell was assassinated near Lee's Creek after being at the Washington County Circuit Court.

None of these events are chronicled by Paschal however when he writes again to Mrs. Ridge. Mrs. Ridge is apparently staying in Osage Prairie, Benton County, where she owned a farm.

Van Buren, Arkansas
7th Oct. 1843
Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge
Osage Prairie, Arkansas

My dear Madam:

I have delayed writing to you until I could (illegible) exchange to send to New York. I did send to your father, by the use of mail, a draft on the Bank of America at New York in the amount of fifty dollars. And I will write your father at the same time, that I will send him the other fifty as soon as I can make arrangement for the remittance. (Several sentences, dealing with interest rates, are difficult to read.) Mr. Paschal finishes the letter by writing "George has had a house full of sickness — Emily has chills; Mrs. Northrup's children are constantly sick and she is in delicate health. We have therefore had no opportunity of visiting.

I (next four words illegible) of your bringing Rollin home. Remember us all kindly and affectionately to your children. Amidst the bustle of our business, I have no time to write you at greater length.

I remain affectionately,

Geo. W. Paschal

(Note: Mrs. Northrop is apparently the wife of Sarah's brother William. who worked at the Ridge Store in Honey Creek and died in January 1840.)

Later that month Paschal is writing J. P. Northrop at Great Barrington. J. P. is undoubtedly Mrs. Ridge's father whose first name was John.

28 Oct. 1843
Mr. J. P. Northrop
Great Barrington

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by Mrs. S. B. N. Ridge to send the balance of the amount of $47 which I promised you in my letter of (illegible) 12th. This money has been obtained by some cotton received from her sons. Mrs. Ridge and family are quite well. Mrs. Northrop and her children are better than when I wrote you. My own children are sick.

The remainder of the letter is difficult to decipher and in a postscript Paschal notes "Rollin will have left before this reaches you."

Paschal wrote no letters to Mrs. Ridge in 1844 and only two in 1845, both dealing strictly with business affairs, but apparently visited her before Dec. 9, 1845 for he speaks of having been at her house and discusses the course she planned to take with her negroes.

In January of 1846 Paschal has resumed his more lengthy and more friendly letters to his sister-in-law.

27 January 1846
Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge

My dear madam:

Since we parted I have been more engaged than I ever was in my life. I did not get off from Evansville until the Wednesday after you left. I then got everything to my notion and heard (of) the appointment of Rollin as secretary. I regret much that he did not at least remain with us at the Council, as he would have saved me much botheration about copying. However, if he is firm in his determination of making a lawyer he had best have little to do with (illegible) and others. His labor is endless and unprofitable and the more we become engaged in their affairs, the less qualified are we for anything else. And the more we know of the people, the less Mercy have we for the persecutors and you, through less sympathy, for the persecuted. The most important time in life for (illegible) is about Rollin's age. He mentioned once before we parted that he would like to commence the study of law at once. I think this determination rather premature. (The next three sentences are difficult to decipher but the names of Mecklin and J. W. Washbourne are mentioned, and the letter continues.)

We may be sure that nothing learned is lost in the course of a lawyer's life. They are, in fact, almost anything and they should therefore know everything. On my return I will be willing to take Rollin into my office and learn him anything in my power. This would then, at least, have the advantage of being definite. I have not time to write

more fully. Sarah and the children will be with me and in a month of economy (illegible). I have made a great many settlements but having to furnish my own means to get to Washington I can do no more now. Indeed I have barely means to go on. That I can say to you, that with the completion of transactions you are my only creditor in Ark. and yours is the largest debt.

The last advices from Washington were favorable though all were waiting for "my obligation". I shall do all I can for you, making yours my first call, and I will try to keep you constantly advised. Write me often. If Rollin desires to write for newspapers and will send me his articles I will have them published. Let him not, however, lose too much time about it. Give my regards to all. As I anticipated, you will see the start of the "Intelligencer" has been sound and is helping out in the desperate cause of Ross.

Give my respects to Mr. Washbourne and family and to inquiring friends and accept for yourself sentiments of regard.

George W. Paschal

Relationships deteriorated between Paschal and the Ridges in 1847, the same year that J. W. Washbourne married Susan, Mrs. Ridges daughter, but were not too evident when Paschal writes to her.

29th January 1847
Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge
Bentonville, Ark.

My Dear Madam:

Below please find copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners at Washington on your "Ferry claim". (The Ridge's owned a ferry in Georgia). He had promised to send me a copy of the decision, which I had every reason to believe would have been otherwise. When I received this letter I supposed I was a Congressman, (apparently Paschal had made a bid for U.S. Congress at this time) and had hoped to bring enough influence to bear to obtain a reconsideration of the decision. But as I do not go to Washington and as Ogden says, Washington is grand, I simply state the fact in order that you may, if you think it advisable obtain some agent who may move if necessary. Others may think of some argument which escaped me, though I am sure no one can perform the (illegible) with more care. I have been anxious to see you in regard to this and other matters about which I wrote you. Feel, allowing for all exaggerations which have been brought me, it seems to me impossible that I should have suffered so much injustice from those, for whom I have

labored so long and at so heavy an expense to myself. Much less can I believe that your notions of right and wrong could have undergone so great a change as to dismiss those (illegible) on the payment of debts honestly and fairly owed by your deceased husband. My unexpected return renders me unable to pay these debts out of my own pocket were it right that I should do so. I wish you and Col. Anderson to appoint a time for coming to a fair adjustment of the whole matter.

I remain very respectfully yours

Geo W. Paschal

The next month Paschal is trying to collect money he apparently loaned to Mrs. Mary Ann Northrop who is now living in Greenwich, Mass. The letter, dated 15 February 1847, lists a balance due Paschal of $49.

Included in the letter are these comments about personal matters.

I have not seen any of the Osage people for upwards of a year. By staying at Washington almost a year I got for each of the Ridge and Boudinot families $5,000 for which I have got no pay and much ill will. Washbourne and Susan have just married. Mrs. P. has just returned from her mother's. The old lady is quite sick. Mrs. P. has recovered her health. We lost Susan, age (illegible) at Washington. We feel much grieved to hear of your affliction (c.q.)

Sincerely,
Geo. W. Paschal

Note: The Ridge and Boudinot families were awarded the $5,000 by the Treaty of 1846.

This is the final letter in the letter books preserved at the History Commission to the Ridge family. However Paschal's feelings of injustice were translated into action later in 1847. In May of that year he was again in Washington City, D. C. and wrote to William Medil, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington City, D.C.
18th May 1847
To Honorable William Medil
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Sir:

I have to request that the residue of the money due to the heirs and legal representatives of John Ridge and to the heirs and Representatives of Major Ridge, may be immediately forwarded to Capt. Wm. Armstrong, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, with instructions to pay the amount decided to be due to the widows of Ridges to themselves

or to their proper attornies in fact, if unable to attend in persons, you are already aware that Walter Ridge, son of Major Ridge, is an idiot and will of course have to act by guardian. And I think it proper to suggest that instructions be given that due guardian be appointed by the proper courts of the State of Arkansas which will more certainly exact the proper security than the courts of the Cherokee Nation, whose proceeding are of course crude, if they require any security at all. The same caution should be observed in regard to John Ridge's children, all of whom are infants and one of whom is also unfortunately an idiot. They reside in Arkansas. I find upon a careful examination of the law that to enforce payment here the guardian should be appointed here. This would be attended with inconvenience and expense. I mention Capt. Armstrong because I think that the money would be more advantageously disbursed than if in the hands of the Cherokee Agent.

As to the notion of Mr. J. W. Washburn (Washbourne) respecting the amount due to the infant heirs of John Ridge I have to remark that the same difficulties would arise about drawing the interest as about the principal at present. Mr. Washburn is a young man who, when he started to Washington, had been married into the family of the Ridges one day. He is not perhaps as competent to judge of the wants and necessities of that family as those who have sustained them for years and to whom they are indebted for the liberality of the Government for an appropriation for the children of men too honorable I hope to be influenced by sordidness. I have felt it due myself to make this remark because of the persecution you informed me he was pleased to give you in regard to myself. The world is too well acquainted with the interest with which I have sustained this family for any honorable man to suppose that I could wish to do them a wrong.

I remain very respectfully your humble and obt. svt.

Geo W. Paschal

This letter is in the files of the Office of Indian Affairs, Cherokee, 1847. It was followed shortly afterwards by one from J. W. Washbourne which is also on file there.

Bentonville, Benton Co. Post Office
Osage Prairie, Arks. May 27th, 1847
Hon Wm Medill
Com. Ind. Affairs

Dear Sir:

I have been at home some time but in consequence of indisposition, I have as yet been unable to continue the business of taking evidence of the heirships of Major and John Ridge's children so that some choos-

ing may be paid their claim and others have it invested. I will have it done very soon and transmit it to you.

Judge G. W. Paschal has sued the heirs of John Ridge for everything they have on earth on the grounds that Mrs. Sarah B. N. Ridge, "being a white lady and having no "clan" her children are not the heirs of their father, but that himself and wife are, because the latter was John Ridge's sister. He is now gone, I understand, to procure the whole of the $10,000 allowed by Treaty to the Ridges and will no doubt set before you much false evidence of his rights. I most solemnly declare him to be a swindler and a scoundrel in his attempts thus to defraud the heirs of John Ridge.

We rely entirely upon your promise that the children of John Ridge shall receive their shares of both the $5,000.00 allowed the heirs and representatives of Major Ridge and John Ridge. They need it—much.

Will you be so good as to notify me of Paschal's demands:

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
In behalf of the widow and children of John Ridge
J. W. Washbourne

The Paschals did file a suit in Benton County, but defaulted and the suit was not prosecuted. Some time after this Sarah Paschal divorced her husband. She later married a man by the name of Pix and went to Texas to live.

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A COURTSHIP BEGINS

A handwritten note dated probably in 1887 was found among the personal possessions of Mrs. Mertye McIlroy Bagby and sent on to the Society. The note may mark the beginning of the courtship of Fayetteville Banker, J. H. McIlroy and Miss Sallie Rhea. The note reads:

Fayetteville, Arkansas
November 1st

Friend Nell.

Invitation for Wednesday Evening is accepted. I am certainly delighted to know that your friend Sallie Rhea will be there.

Your friend,
J. H. McIlroy

Mr. McIlroy and Miss Sallie A. Rhea of Rheas Mill were married on June 5, 1889 with James J. Vaulx, priest, officiating.

Our thanks to Mrs. Bagby for this old note.

Our Readers Write

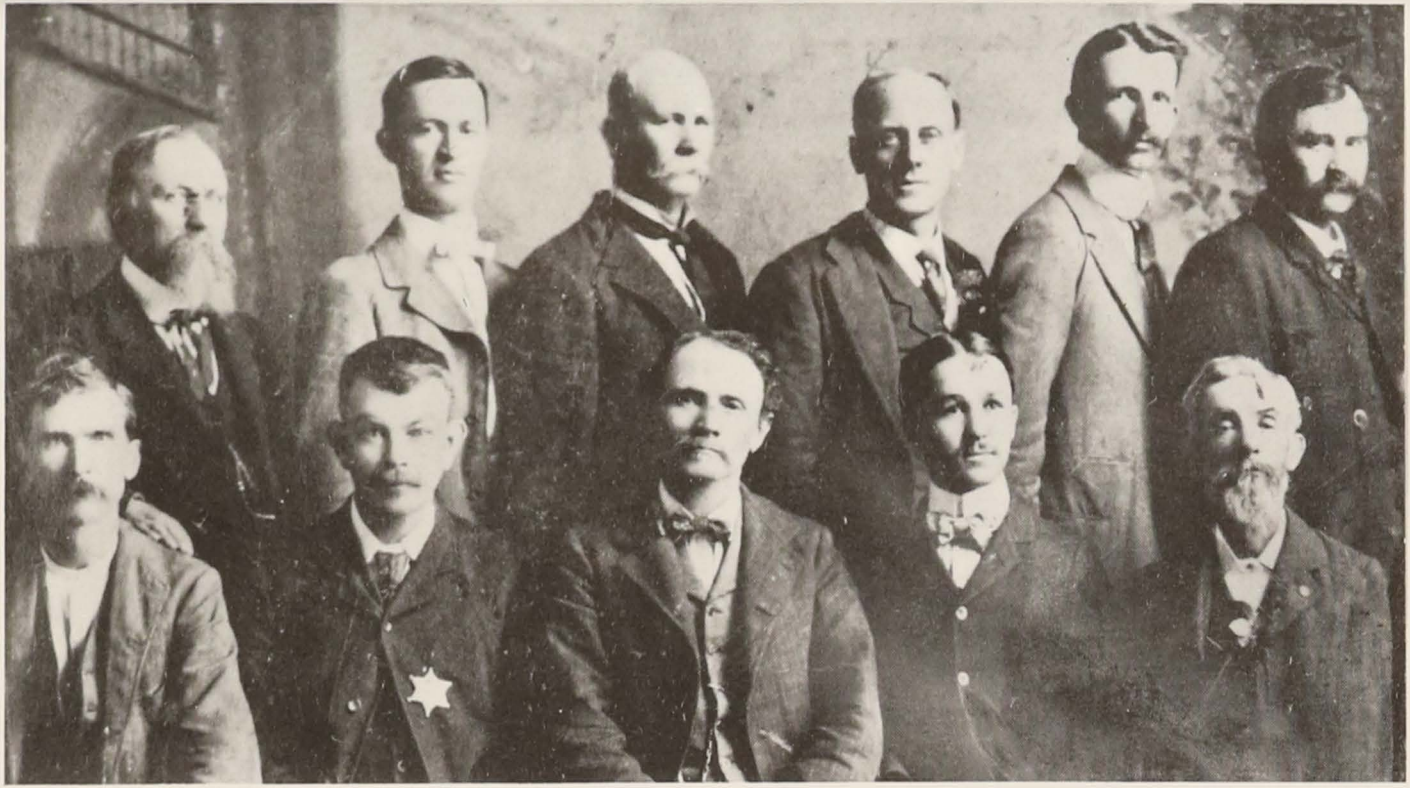
Congratulations on the wonderful FLASHBACK which is enjoyed so much and a big "Thank You" to Ken Good for the beautiful covers. Louallen and Emerrett Fine.

Congratulations on the new format for FLASHBACK. Uncle Walt's "baby" has always had interesting contents and now it has pleasing appearance. I agree that Uncle Walt would be pleased. Hildy Crawford.

I have neglected to inform you of the death last January 23 (1972) of my father E. C. Boles of Lake City, Fla. He served as deputy clerk for Washington County during the administration of my grandfather, Clifford Pannel Boles, sometime after the turn of the century. My grandmother, Nettie Barnett Boles' name is the very first one in the class of 1876 at the University of Arkansas, a matter of great pride to my father and us all.

The article in the August issue about the Confederate Cemetery reminds me that my father was a small boy at the time and he recalled serving as an aid to the parade marshal and rode a white horse in the festivities. My Mother, Huetta Vaulx was 11 years old at the time and served as a flower girl, at the ceremony which must have been the June 10, 1897 monument ceremony. I am enclosing a contribution to the Ridge House campaign. Fayetteville is very much a part of me and the generations of the Boles, Barnett and Vaulx families. The work of the Washington County Historical society is one which I certainly wish to Support. Edwin Vaulx Boles.

(Mr. Boles enclosed some of the remarks contained in obituaries concerning his father. For some of you old-timers who remember Edwin C. Boles here are some of the details from those clippings. "Mr. Boles attended the University of Arkansas and was a charter member of Sigma Nu fraternity there. He was a former deputy County Clerk. . . He moved to Pine Bluff in 1929 and operated a dairy farm for many years. He was a member and former president of the Whiteville Township School Board in Jefferson County, was a member of the Jefferson county quorum court and of the Pine Bluff Rotary Club." "A man as gracious as he was direct, Mr. Boles combined a healthy, humorous skepticism with such a clear trust and interest in people that they liked him too. A visit with him at Boleswood was enough to make the day and perhaps the week. . . He was particularly fond of young people and attentive to them which may explain why he always seemed younger than his years, but whatever your age, it was always a pleasure and a civilized experience to be with Mr. Boles." (editorial in the Pine Bluff Commercial)



FAYETTEVILLE'S CITY COUNCIL IN 1908

Front row, left to right, Robert F. Bell, Lee Duggans (City Marshall), A. P. Eason (Mayor), Fred Jones, W. W. Crenshaw. Back row, left to right, Dr. John P. Hight, Charles O. Hansard, Charles W. Phillips, W. W. Chapman, Clint C. Conner and James Atha. (Photo from the Frank McConnell Collection.

Marriages In 1882

J. T. Halbrook, 26 and Miss Mary J. Cundiff, 17 of Goshen, were united by the Rev. Moses Dutton, long time minister of Goshen Community, on Sept. 24.

T. M. Hancock, 30 of Springdale, married Miss Mary J. Becker 17, also of Springdale, on Oct. 23, with Rev. John T. Boyd officiating.

J. T. Handy, 25 a Farmington youth, went over to Viney Grove for Miss Mary E. Polson, age 18, and the Rev. B. F. Totten married them on Dec. 13.

Stephen Hargus, and Miss Eliza White, 24 and 20 years old, were married by Justice Samuel Devore on April 23.

A Durham couple, W. P. Harrell, and Miss H. C. Carrigan wed on June 28. W. A. Derrick, minister of the Gospel read the ceremony.

F. M. Harris and Miss Addie Nichols, went to Justice C. S. Hauptman for their wedding on July 2. He was 28 and she a year younger.

Martin Hartley, 25 and Miss Debie Lynch, 20 were wed on Aug. 15, by the Rev. John F. Boyd.

A West Fork couple, J. G. Haskins 22 and Miss Sarah Purser, 23, went down to S. R. Caudle, a Justice of Woolsey, for their wedding on June 4.

Ben Heath, 23 and Mrs. Jennie Ballard, 18, both Boonsboro young people were married by Green Jenkins, a minister, on Aug. 19.

J. B. Woods, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony for Charles Helms, 22 and Miss Arthula Riggs, of Brentwood, an event of Jan. 30.

J. F. Hensley 23 and Miss R. M. Anderson, 18, pledged their vows before the Rev. Conrad Yoes, Dec. 16.

A. B. Henson, 28 and Miss Maud E. Bridenthall, 22, both of Fayetteville were married by Rev. W. F. Greene, on Christmas Day.

Justice of the Peace R. A. Rutherford joined Jesse Hines 27 and his 16 year old bride, Miss Lena Wheeler, in wedlock on Oct. 24. They lived at Carters Store on Middle Fork.

James C. Hodges, 21 and Miss Alice Rains, 24, Fayetteville people, were married by C. S. Hauptman, a Justice of the Peace on Sept. 8.

An Elder in Christ Church, James W. Garrett performed the ceremony for B. B. Holmon and Miss Mary E. Farthing of Evansville, on Oct. 22. He was 29 and she 21 years of age.

James R. Holt 18, and Miss Fannie Neal, 21, Wedington area, procured the Rev. Thomas H. Day, for their Aug. 9, wedding.

J. W. Howard and Miss Sophronia Bledsoe, both 28, were married by the Rev. A. Huckaby, on Aug. 20. They were Maguires Store area folks.

Hugh Howell, 23 of Billingsley, and Miss Annie McDowell, 20, from down on Lees Creek, were wed on Feb. 17 by B. Ford a Minister.

Evidently the Justices and Ministers did not sign certificates of marriage on Sunday in the old days — most certificates if the wedding occurred on Sunday, were signed the next day or when they brought the license in to be recorded

T. J. Hubbert and Miss Maggie L. Ritter, Springdale couple, ages 34 and 19, went to the Rev. S. R. Beaman, for their ceremony on July 11.

A Wheeler couple, S. S. Huckaby 44 and Mrs. Mattie Woods, 23 were pronounced husband and wife by Justice of the Peace W. J. Hogg. The date was March 17.

John Hughs, a 38 year old Winslow man, and Mrs. Nancy Gubbers, 34 also of Winslow were married by Josiah Kester, a Minister, on Oct. 7.

Justice of the Peace J. E. Dunlap, married several couples in West Washington County, including D. U. Hurst and Miss Lizzie D. Johnson, a Wedington couple, on May 18.

U. L. Jackson 24, and Miss Sallie C. Pettigrew, 18, went before Rev. Gay Waters to be married on March 16. They lived in Fayetteville.

Marriages In 1883

G. W. Aarons, 44, of Elm Springs, and Miss C. T. Baker, 23, of War Eagle Mills, were married on Dec. 16, by the Rev. W. J. Blackburn.

A. S. Adams, 23 and Miss G. A. Davis, 23, took their marriage vows before Justice of the Peace D. E. Jackson, of Brentwood, on Nov. 18.

A. H. Agar and Nannie Purcell, ages 32 and 22, both of Springdale, were married by B. F. Lucas, a preacher, on Jan. 15.

Stephen Anderson, 19 and Miss Mollie A. T. Gaylor, 30 of Winslow were married by Justice of the Peace S. R. Caudle, Dec. 27.

Robert Andrews, 23 and Easter Bonham, 24, both of Wheeler, chose Sept. 13, as their wedding date. Justice of the Peace W. J. Hogg read the ceremony.

The Rev. Edmon Osborn performed the wedding of William F. Arnold, 23, and Miss Lydia E. Teen, 15, on Dec. 15, a Winslow couple.

H. M. Atkinson, 24 and Miss Maggie Borden, 25 of Springdale, went to the Rev. Larkin F. Johnson, on Nov. 15, who performed their wedding ceremony.

Levy Bishop, 50 and Miss Mary Nipper, 27, Winslow, were pronounced husband and wife by the Rev. Joseph Waddell on Nov. 25.

L. E. Barron, 25 of Billingsley, married Miss Zoe Cass, 20, of Prairie Grove, on Feb. 15, with B. F. Totten, a Minister of the Gospel officiating.

Minister of the Gospel H. C. Crowell performed the Nov. 27 wedding for T. M. Bishop, 25 of Fayetteville and 21 year old Miss Mattie Vail of Wesley.

C. J. Blakemore 23, and Miss Ollie Dearing, both of Billingsley were married by the Justice H. H. Barron on April 20.

The same Justice of the Peace officiated at the wedding of John Bloyd, 26 and Miss Lydia C. McDonald, 20 of West Fork on Sept. 24.

J. W. Bolden, 22 of Robertson (Robinson) in Benton County and Miss Annie Walker, 16 of the same village, were married on Dec. 27 by J. C. Robertson.

W. T. Bond, age 55, was married to Miss N. M. Smith, age not given, on Nov. 18, by J. Wassum, a Justice of the Peace. The couple probably from Cincinnati neighborhood.

W. M. Bonham, age 33, of Wheeler, married Miss Sarah Andrews, 23, of the same neighborhood on Jan. 4, with Rev. N. F. Goodrich officiating.

On April 16, Justice of the Peace John Cox, performed the marriage ceremony for J. S. Bookout, 41, and Mrs. Amdans Lear, 23 of Springdale.

A Cincinnati couple, S. A. D. Borden, 21 and Sarah A. Murphy, took their marriage vows before Elijah Webb, a Justice of the Peace, on Sept. 16.

Charles B. Boyd, 28, and Miss Tennessee T. Campbell, 16, from Goshen, were married by John A. Neill, a Justice for that community on March 19.

Frank Boyd, 35 and Miss Eliza T. Crump, 21, both of Fayetteville, were married by the Rev. B. F. Foster on Jan. 22.

The Rev. James Whitaker performed the ceremony for a Strickler couple, Joseph Boyett, age 18, and Mary M. Quinton, age 19, on July 26.

Billingsley residents, Samuel Bradley, 59, and Sarah Hancock, 44, took their vows before Justice of the Peace I. N. Hulse, March 5.

From Hazel Valley, came young James M. Brannon, 19, and Miss Amanda S. Shackelford, 16, to be married by C. L. Howell, a Minister of the Gospel out that way. The date was March 1.

C. M. Breech, 22 and Miss Mary B. Price, 20 of Springdale, were married by the Rev. M. D. Steele, on March 11. Breech gave Wheeler as his postoffice.

The wedding of James Brixey, 46, and Miss Parilee Donaldson, 27 of Goshen, was by William H. Mayes, a Justice of the Peace, on Sept. 20.

Martin Brown, 29, and Miss Mary Gibson, 18, of Farmington, went to the Rev. T. H. Day, on Feb. 8.

Samuel N. Burnes, a 33 year old Prairie Grove resident, married Miss Katie M. Wheeler, 16, also of Prairie Grove, on Nov. 14. The Rev. Benjamin H. Greathouse officiated.

Dudley Burrow, 23 of Roberson, chose Miss Ilia Anderson, 18, as his Queen and the wedding was on Jan. 31, before W. H. Hogg, a Justice of the Peace. She lived at Wheeler.

F. H. Bushnell, Farmington, 28, and Miss Amanda Toney, 26 were married by Justice of the Peace J. P. Wilson on Jan. 27.

Brentwood couple J. E. Buxton and Miss S. F. Hauptman, ages 26 and 27, were married by Justice of the Peace D. E. Jackson, on Feb. 18.

Pink Cagle and Miss Minda Gauf, ages 22 and 22, were married by the Rev. F. F. Curtis, who signed the certificate on July 12, as a Justice of the Peace.

Watie Cagle, 18, and Eliza Keeth, 20, both of Sexton, in West Washington County, were married by the Rev. J. F. Dobbs on March 4.

William Calhoun 23, and Miss Josephene Moore, 19, wed on Feb. 20., the Rev. Edmond Osburn performing the Ceremony. All Hazel Valley people.

Robert Campbell, 23 and Miss Mary L. Hubbard, 17 of Evansville, took their vows before the Rev. Norman Gaylor of Dutch Mills, who signed for them on Oct. 19.

T. H. Campbell, 28 of Carters Store on Middle Fork, married Miss Elizabeth M. O'Bryan, 15, of Mankins, the old name of Sulphur City, on Nov. 4 with the Rev. John C. Sherry performing.

Lee Cameron, 23 and Miss Mollie Burnett, 18, both of West Fork, came to Fayetteville, got their license, and had Justice of the Peace J. C. Massie say the magic words on July 12.

When the railroad went through Fayetteville in 1882 couples came from Missouri, Benton County, Crawford County and even Fort Smith, to be married in Washington County. They got a train ride as a wedding pleasure.

In the small villages up and down the line everyone met the trains and many couples waited until the train was moving out, then stepped on and came to Fayetteville, surprising their friends at the station.

G. W. Canfir 28, of Spring Valley, and Miss Nancy Stone, 27, of Springdale, were married on Jan. 11, by the Rev. T. R. Ferguson.

L. S. Cardwell, 33, came up from Paris, to wed Miss L. B. Jobe, on Sept. 16. She was 24. The wedding by Thomas J. Reynolds, a Minister of the Gospel.

T. Carl, of Ocall, age 22, was married to Mallie Hannah on Feb. 3, by J. L. D. Houston, a Minister.

T. J. Carney, 28 of Fayetteville, and Miss Mell Reed, age 21, also of Fayetteville, wed on March 18, with the Rev. Wm. Ingram performing the ceremony for them.

A Durham couple, J. W. Carrigan, 18, and Miss Susie Frost, 19, were married on Jan. 11, by R. A. Rutherford, a Justice of the Peace on Middle Fork.

George Carter, 20 and Miss Susan S. Stanley, 27, both of Maguires Store neighborhood went to the courthouse and to Justice J. Webb who signed their certificate on Feb. 20.

F. H. Cartner, 29, married Miss Emma Dye, 24, of Billingsley, on Jan. 9. He was from Boonsboro. The wedding was by G. S. White, Justice of the Peace.

S. W. Caudle, 24, was married to Miss Mattie E. Stonesipher, 23, on Aug. 16, with F. F. Curtis, a Justice of the Peace and Minister doing the honors. All were from West Fork.

W. P. Caudle, 33, and Miss Manette George, 22, were married by Wm. F. Greene, on July 29. Caudle was from Springdale and she from Fayetteville.

Winslow couple James G. Center, wed Miss Matilda Caughman, on Sept. 13, before the Rev. Joseph Waddell. Their ages were 18 and 19.

C. J. Clark, 26, of Hindsville, married Miss E. M. Clayton, age 22, of Goshen, on July 25. The Rev. Thomas Dodson uniting them.

W. L. Clark, 27, and Miss Martha A. Lewallen, age 16, spoke their vows on Sept. 2, before A. Huckaby, a Minister. The couple listed their address as Maguires Store.

Justice of the Peace J. M. Sanders, performed the Nov. 11, ceremony for James M. Clarry, 33 and Miss Laura J. Hise, 21, of Springdale.

D. K. Clevenger, 59, rode out of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah to wed Miss Mary A. Jackson, 31 of Farmington on Aug. 20, the Rev. Thomas A. Day, performing their ceremony.

Farmington couple George Clevenger, 31, and Mrs. Sallie Foust, 29, were married on March 9, by T. H. Day, MG,

Justice of the Peace W. C. Eads, performed the April 15, wedding for Strickler couple John Cockrum, 19, and 14 year old Miss Manda Dickson.

J. F. Collyer and Miss Seillie Oldham, ages 22 and 16, wed before G. S. White, a Justice of the Peace on Feb. 15. He was from Billingsley and she from West Fork.

Henry P. Combs, and Miss Nettie Pryor, ages 19 and 18, were married by the Rev. M. N. West, on Sept. 16. This was a Strickler couple.

From Wedington area came J. L. Convers and Miss Julia Morris, 19 and 16, to be married by W. J. Hogg, Justice of the Peace on Aug. 22.

Bean Cox, 24, married Miss Viola Emmerson, 16 year old from Evansville, on Jan. 21, with the Rev. Geo. F. Tatum performing their ceremony.

John Cook, and Miss Sarah Brown, he 25 and she 15, both of Fayetteville, were married by Justice of the Peace Jonathan Clark on Jan. 14.

D. W. Cowgar (?) and Miss Elizabeth Spears, 18 and 17, both of Cincinnati, were married by Justice of the Peace W. D. Parks, on March 17.

J. E. Crawford, 29, and Miss Maggie Henry, 18, took their vows before the Rev. F. R. Earle, Boonsboro, Dec. 12.

William Crook, 18, was married by the Rev. Thomas J. Reynolds, to Mrs. Elizabeth Ervin, age 35, on Aug. 1. The couple lived in Fayetteville.

J. E. Crouch and Miss L. M. Davey, ages 27 and 24, had their wedding on Sept. 16, by the Rev. Thomas J. Reynolds.

A Billingsley couple, W. B. Crow, 21 and Miss Emma Tanner, went to James Whitaker, a Minister, for their Sept. 30 wedding.

W. W. Crow, 19, and Miss Sarah E. Bledso, 17, of Maguires Store community, were married by the Rev. J. C. Williams, Nov. 4.

The Rev. J. L. D. Houston did the honors for W. A. Crum and Miss M. K. Anderson, both of Fayetteville, on Aug. 25. They were 26 and 22.

Justice of the Peace J. C. Massie performed the marriage ceremony for L. Damon, 50 and Miss Vandora Rhea, 37, of Cincinnati. They were wed on March 7.

A. J. Darrow, 22 and Miss Martha E. Osburn, 15, of West Fork, were married by Eli Baker, a Minister on Jan. 1.

B. F. Davis, 35, and Miss Mary E. Meadaris, 25 of Cincinnati, were married by S. Cowgar, a Minister, on Sept. 10.

West Fork couple J. H. Dearing, 33 and Miss Ida Karnes, 23, took their vows in the presence of Justice of the Peace G. S. White, on May 22.

Dec. 2 saw the marriage of Nathan Dickson, 57 and Miss Eliza Beall, 26 of Fayetteville, with W. R. Duncan, the Minister.

S. B. Dildine and Miss Rachel Parris, 23 and 22, were married on Oct. 13, by S. Cagle.

Some Old Fayetteville Homes

J. Wythe Walker of Tampa, Fla. recently wrote Mrs. L. Reading Putman of Fayetteville enclosing excerpts from a letter written by his mother, Mrs. Mayme Byrnes Walker regarding some of the old Fayetteville homes. Mrs. Putman shared this letter with the society. Mrs. Walker was a sister to Mrs. Emma Byrnes Barnes who donated a lovely chair for use in Headquarters House. The chair, donated in memory of the women's father, Alfred M. Byrnes, was the altar chair from Fayetteville's first Roman Catholic Church, built by A. M. Byrnes.

Mrs. Walker wrote: Statements in parenthesis provided by Wythe Walker Jr.

TEBBETTS HOUSE

Your great uncle Whiting Walker lived there as long as I can remember. It was sold to Colonel Armisted. Whiting Walker's wife was Aunt Serena. One daughter Jennie married Fred Tillman (she had first been married to a Mr. Reece whose children I use to play with. There was another daughter who married one Powell Wickersham of Oakland, Calif.

Old Uncle Whiting Washington lived with them. (He was the brother of my great-grandmother, Jane Lewis Washington Walker. He and his mother and grandmother are buried in the Walker Cemetery on East Mountain. I, some six years ago, located his father's grave near Russelville, Kentucky. This Whiting Washington was the last of the Warner Washington line. His grandfather and George Washington were first cousins.)

The Tebbets home covered all of that block except the Vaulx home on the corner of College and Lafayette, across from Ben Stone's House. (Ed Stone's boyhood home).

Poor old Uncle Whiting use to spend most of his time diging grass from brick walks. There is a mistake in Mr. Lemke's booklet, General Hill lived in this house long before the Duncans did. I never knew the Hills. The Duncans live in New York. Cameron married Rena Shore (I never knew Rena Shore Duncan but when I was in Northwestern, the Saturday Evening Post had a section called "Short Terms and Encores" in which the Rena Shore Duncan bits were called "Malandyisms. They ended up as Malindy Walker, Tin Cup, Fayetteville, Arkansas. I believe that Malinda was once a Walker slave. The FLASHBACK which I read when I saw you last stated that my great-grandfather, in 1848, with 20 slaves, was the largest slave holder. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly says he was the third largest slave holder in Arkansas.

At the back of the house is a narrow slot sort of a window. Bill Cush

(William Quesenberry) use to climb up to the room under that tall part to paint, etc., just to get away from people. The picture of Albert Pike painted for Mark Bean was given by your Aunt Sue to the University. (I know nothing of this picture.)

I do know that I have a copy of the things which my Aunt Sue gave to the University. I finally got back the family sword and piano due to Governor Sid McMath. I also know that in the Fayetteville paper there was a brief article several years ago about a parcel of old letters of mine as to early correspondence between pioneers of Arkansas such as Woodruff of the Arkansas Gazette.

(Those letters ended up with a collector in Little Rock. I met him. I don't know who stole them from the University and sold them to him. There is somewhere, according to my Aunt Sue's report of items which she gave the University and which I recently read while visiting my son in Boston: a walking stick made and used by Henry Clay. Thomas Jefferson's Bible. Martha Washington's sewing box . . . no doubt stolen and sold. Walt Lemke could not locate them . . .)

GREGG HOUSE

Ida Gregg was the only daughter of Judge Gregg. She went to Saint Joseph's Academy with my sister Dora and I. In Saint Lewis, I later belonged to a club with her called Penelope. We met every two weeks. I've spent so many happy hours in that home. One leap year we gave a big dance there. The hall went through the house. I took your father. We weren't married then.

THE REED HOME

I was not in that home as all the family was much older than I and so far as I know, they never entertained.

THE RIEFF HOME

We always called it the Jones home. The children were Birdy. She married Ellis Duncan of the family that lived in the Quesenberry home. Fred committed suicide. Ralph married Nell Wilson. Old Theo Jones was a strict type man of the old school.

THE STIRMAN HOME

Though Mr. Lemke calls it the Futral Home, we called it never but the Duke home. As years went by we called Mrs. Duke "Mamma Duke". It was Mamma Duke's home until she died. The Futrals added the front porch when he was president of the university. I loved Annie like a sister.

THE WILSON HOME

The front porch columns were put there after a fire off the Cleveland home on College Avenue where the Appleby home is now. Nell Wilson bought the old columns and had them put on her house. Her old home use to be just a plain front. Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Alice, who later married Will Cravens, was my first school teacher.

THE GUNTER HOME

This place gives me a sort of heart ache for the long gone years. Colonel and Mrs. Gunter had a son Walker and a daughter Gertrude by a previous marriage. He had Julious Gunter whom you met when we were in Denver after your father died and we went there to see your brother Courtney. He had been governor of Colorado and married Bettie Brown, daughter of the man who owned the Brown Palace hotel in Denver. This man was so good to me and was the one who went to the sanatorium to tell Courtney that his dad was gone.

Gertrude and I were very close friends. The Gunter home was the only one in which my motner would ever let me spend the night. Mrs. Gunter gave me my announcement party. She had a doll's dress and used it as a groom and bride.

THE WALKER-STONE HOUSE

Your grandmother Walker was born in a home on Dickson street where the Presbyterian Church is now. She was married in the home on Center street under an arch in the parlor on the east side of the house. The wedding supper was served upstairs. Your great-grandfather, David Walker, gave her the place as a wedding gift. She didn't like to live so close to town. The house was sold to Stephen K. Stone. They then built a frame house where the Knerrs now live. It was burned by the Federals during the Civil War. After your grandmother and her young children returned from refugeeing in Corsicana, Texas, your great-grandfather gave a valley farm to Zeke Mayes for doing the brick work on the house.

May Stone, Keb Stone's sister and I were inseparable—all the ground from the house to Lewis Brother's store was their flower garden. In the Walker's time the front of the house faced south. The Stones added porches. May and I use to eat dinner there often. We would then go to Mr. Stone's store and get tin foil from tobacco plugs. All children saved it up. What for, I cannot recall.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The picture Mrs. Walker referred to in discussing the Gregg house contained in a booklet by the late Dr. Walter J. Lemke entitled "Some Old Fayetteville Homes". The booklet was published in 1951, the year Mrs. Walker wrote the above letter to her son. Of the homes Mrs. Walker discusses, the Tebbetts House (now Headquarters House, owned and operated by the Washington County Historical Society) the Stone-Walker house, the Gregg House; the Rieff House (now Moore's Chapel) and the Gunter House (now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eagle) remain. The Futral house gave way in 1972 to a used car lot. The Wilson home was destroyed to make way for a sorority house and the Reed home gave way to progress in the form of a shopping center. The Presbyterian Church on Dickson Street is also gone but the Knerr house stands.)

Baldwin School, 1903

This picture, loaned to the Society by Robert Phelan of Fayetteville, was taken at the Baldwin School on Oct. 20, 1903. Only three of the students are unidentified by Mr. Phelan. A few are tentative identifications. He has marked them with a question mark. Identified in the picture are:

ROW ONE, left to right:

Unidentified
Walter Hinkle
Denver Cosby
Hubert Roberts
Earnest Stark
Marvin Roberts
Albert Brown
Roy Couch
George Hastings
Sam Couch
Roy Jones
Jessie Fletcher
Tommy Rudd (?)

ROW TWO

Ruth Jones
Lottie Williams (?)
Ireme Moore
Edna Lewis
Dorothy Patrick (?)
Agnes Stark
Armede Moore
Alpha Porter
Mollie Couch
Viola Moore
Roxie Hastings
Tommie Hastings
Clyde Fletcher

ROW THREE

Agnes Cosby
Jessie Paris
Arvilla Rudd
Ada Rudd (?)
Artie Tunstill
Beula Couch
Carrie Porter
Montie Couch
Nettie Ward
Lottie Patrick (?)
Hubert Ferguson

ROW FOUR

Katie Hinkle
Lula Hasting
Rhoda Couch
Orvill Porter
Effie Brown
Maude Wilkerson
Bertha Fletcher
Gertie Hastings
Will Couch
Charley Cosby
Walter Roberts

ROW FIVE

Unidentified
Unidentified
Grover Couch
Rance Porter
Eldon Moore
Flo Hastings
Margaret Wilkerson
Frankie Fletcher

ROW SIX

Miss Ella Jones, teacher
Miss Ione Wilson, teacher
Oscar Hinkle
Claude Bayles
Tom Paris
Mart Ferguson
Malcolm Black
Virgil Cosby
Mart Fletcher
Floyd Patrick

Baldwin
Oct. 20,
1903.

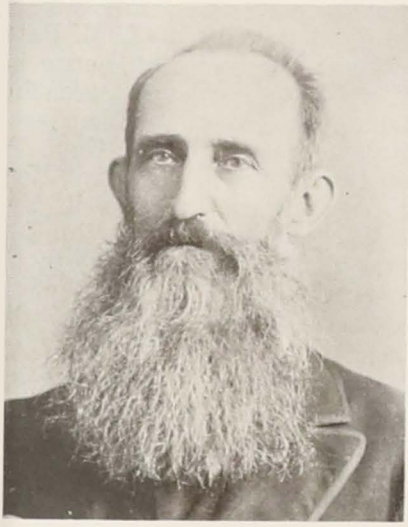
Many Years Ago

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was copied by Mrs. A. D. Donat from the Sept. 9, 1890 issue of the Arkansas Sentinel and was written by J. H. Van Hoose. It is No. 52 in the J. H. Van Hoose scrapbook which is on permanent file in the Arkansas Room of the Fayetteville City library.)

FAYETTEVILLE, 40 YEARS AGO

Editors, Sentinel:

On the 28th of August 1850 (just 40 years ago this day) I passed through the little village of Fayetteville on foot on my way to Ozark Institute, three miles northwest of Fayetteville at which place Robt. W. Mechlin and Robt. Graham had advertised to open the fall term of their excellent school for young men on the first Monday of the following October. I was anxious to go to school but had no money with which to pay either tuition or board and had engaged to work during the vacation for Mr. Mechlin at the then very liberal wages of $13.00 per month, which was to be credited in part payment on my future account for tuition and board.



J. H. Van Hoose

I walked that day from the Middle Fork of White River, some thirteen miles, carrying all my worldly goods and chatels tied up in a two-bit cotton handkerchief and the day following, August 29th, I went to the Clear Creek hills and in company with Wm. Harris and John Henry and a negro man called Nelson McKissick, commenced getting out post oak sills, sleepers and studding for a new dining room to be added to the boarding house kept by Mr. Mechlin.

Fayetteville is very different looking town today from the Fayetteville of forty years ago. The same bold spring of clear, cold water at which I sat down to rest and refresh myself is today still gushing forth, its pure sweet waters which go rippling on through the same channel, though much deeper worn by its constant flowing for forty years. The beautiful prairie south of us which was then covered with wild grass and flowers is now all fenced up and being cultivated and numerous farm houses are seen in every direction. The beautiful hills surrounding it, which was then covered by dense forests are now the site of many elegant houses and our magnificent state university buildings, crowning the hill west of us is a great improvement on the one, the only building then upon that hill, which was an old log house which stood where Prof. Leverett now lives and sheltered the then happy family of Wm. McIlroy, every member of which have long since been sleeping in our beautiful Evergreen Cemetery, located on the brow of the same hill.

Of all those who then made up the inhabitants of Fayetteville, not more than a score are with us today. I believe I can name every one. Of the grown people then here in town we now have S. K. Stone, Mrs. S. K. Stone, Col. A. M. Wilson, Aunt Katie Stirman, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Rachel Cardwell, Maj. W. D. Reagan, Hon. Lafayette Gregg, Joseph Dunlap, E. S. Liles, Hon. J. D. Walker, Mrs. Sallie Sellers, Mrs. Crouch, Jo Holcomb and Mrs. T. M. Campbell. Of the young people, then boys and girls, we yet have T. W. Pollard, Jimmie Stirman, Mrs. J. D. Walker, Mrs. McRoy, Maggie Taylor and Mrs. J. R. Pettigrew. Of the children very young we have Mrs. Albright, Bob Stone, George and Mary Sutton and Mrs. Morgan.

FAMILY REMNANTS

The only families, or remnants of families who today are living at the same places they then occupied are Aunt Katie Stirman, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Dickson, the Misses Mary and Belle Sutton. The only houses to be seen today that adorned this hill forty years ago are the Masonic Hall, the old log house which stands between it and Glass' hotel which was then occupied by the Rev. Robt. Graham's two-story frame dwelling at the north end of Reed and Ferguson's store, then the home of W. R. Quaarles; the present dwelling of Mrs. Dickson; the one just west of it now occupied by Dr. Lipsey; the present home of Mary and Belle Sutton; the former home of Maj. W. D. Reagan; S. K. Stone's brick house, then the home of Judge Walker; **the present home of Z. M. Pettigrew, then a log house occupied by Mrs. Ridge;** the old brick house belonging to Mrs. Hodge, then the home of a North Methodist preacher named Byrd and the old house near the Pacific and Great Eastern Depot, then occupied by H. G. Cardwell; John Buie's present home, then the home of W. M. Bowers, the old log house on the corner of East and Rock Street, then the home of J. P. Dunlap; the frame house opposite it. then the home of S. K. Stone and Squire T. D. Wisenor lived where Jo Liles now lives and Dr. Pollard's former dwelling. All the other houses in the town have been built since 40 years ago—and several of those above mentioned have been remodeled and added to until they look very different now.

Of the men then engaged in business we have now living in town, Col. A. M. Wilson, S. K. Stone and Maj. Reagan. Hon. J. D. Walker, then a very young man, was reading law in Judge Walker's office; the Hon. Lafayette Gregg was reading law with Major Reagan. Uncle Jo Dunlap whom we occasionally see on our streets with feeble steps, cautiously feeling his way lest he fall over some obstruction unseen, was then in the very prime of life, engaged in making saddles and bridles in his shop on the west side of the public square and there was no more industrious or better mechanic than he in all this country.

After attending school just fifteen months at Ozark Institute I came to Fayetteville and entered the store of James Sutton on the corner where Geo. T. Lake now sells groceries and I have been one of the toilers in this town ever since—never been out of employment except during a portion of the war—and during the 38 years have only had one spell of sickness which kept me from work more than a week.

(The remainder of the letter contains little of pertinence.)

Old Circuit Court Records

By Lloyd McConnell

Judge Pittman presided at the October 1877 term of Court. The opening day of the court went something like this — The Sheriff called the list of Grand Jurors summoned: T. Masters, John Carter, a physician, excused, William Rutherford, School Director, W. H. Holcomb, not present, fined $5.00. Elery Clark, excused, sick family; Willis Clayton, good juror, T. J. Kelly, good juror, Andrew J. Henson, not found, James Adners, excused, Samuel Bard, not found, George North, good juror, Tim McCarty, school director, James McClatchey, good juror, John Van Hoose, good juror, Rinolds May, excused, family sick.

Thomas Caudle, school director, alternates called: Charles Cosby, excused sick, Thomas McKnight, good juror, George Haygood, good juror, William Mayes, excused, family sick; William M. Mullens and George Boe, good jurors, John F. Bell and James McPhetridge not found, George Lake, good juror. The jury being incomplete, the sheriff was ordered and did call from the bystanders Henry Hartley, Ervin Graham, L. T. Blakemore, Ellis Carney, J. A. Harris and John B. Henson, good jurors. Sand jury being complete came forward and were sworn and impaneled according to law.

THE PETIT JURY

The petit jury: Comes the sheriff and returns into court the following list of names, citizens and householders of Washington County Arkansas, who have been selected by the Jury Commissioners and summoned according to law, as follows:

George Dickerson, absent, fine $5.00; James A. Ferguson, Lewis Banks, Tandy Goddard, W. B. Taylor, good jurors; Robert Crawford, absent, fine $5.00; Author Evans, excused sick family, J. C. Massie, over age, Richard Wood, good juror, Phill Maguire, school director; John Garnett, absent, fine $5.00; Robert Greathouse, good juror, John Peerson, Sr., over age, John W. Phillips, Thomas Williams and F. W.

Ellis, good jurors; James H. Van Hoose, absent, fine $5.00; F. F. Curtis, excused, family sick; Nathan Combs good juror, W. H. Engles, school director, Charles Clark, school director, Henry Parrett, absent, fine $5.00; W. C. Bradley, good juror. From the alternates:

Richard Harrison and W. F. Dowell, school directors, W. S. Walker, over age, Riley Ritter, absent fine $5.00; E. B. Moore and Dudley Jernigan, good jurors. Said jury being incomplete the Sheriff was ordered and did summons from the bystanders Alex Dennie, James H. Cooper, Abram Allen, James A. Barnes, M. P. Daniels, Thomas Carter, John Rickman, W. R. Barnwell, H. A. Sawyer, Thomas Blakemore and Calvin Dye, eleven good and lawful citizens and householders of Washington County and qualified electors, who were taken as good jurors, making 24 men who came forward and were sworn and impaneled as the law requires and entered upon their duties.

OCTOBER DOCKET

The October term had a bountiful docket of misdemeanors, things like assault and battery, wearing weapons, and the Judge had a remedy for such infractions. Here are some handed down: R. G. Deput, nolle prossed. W. J. Gilliland, William Perry et al, bondsmen released and remanded to the sheriff. Gaines Graham fine $25.00, if not paid promptly to be put to labor on some workhouse or bridge or any other public improvement at the rate of 75 cents per day.

William Jones and James Hanna - HR (could be horse-racing) fine $10.00 or work on bridges. Hanna hollered for a jury and they fined him $10.00.

William Gaskill, George Bard, James Ritter, wearing weapons, fine $25.00 each of work at the rate of 75 cents per day. Williams Eads, assault and battery, $5.00 or jail at 1.00 per day. James and Jesse Ritter, assault with a DT, continued. William Jones, wearing weapons on two occasions, $25.00 each. David Stirman, wearing weapons, or maybe this "W W" means won't work.

Joseph Davis, C & DW, fine $5.00, William Perry, wearing weapons $25.00. The judge was against this.

James Malicoat and Thomas Cavin, trespass (what did you do, cut another tie-tree?) They called for a jury and were fined $2.50 each, and asked for a new trial. P. R. Smith, Jr., was fined $25.00 for wearing weapons. Willis Reeves, assault with a deadly weapon $50.00 worth. Charles Vadeaver WW fine $25.00. Clint Dye, Alonxo Sawyers, and

Houston Parks, a little friendly game. Hiram Reese, selling to minors. Al Taylor, illegal co-habiting.

John Winkler and Anderson Williams wearing weapons, $25.00. James English, assault and battery $10.00 and William Rutherford, wearing weapons. Seems like everybody took his pistol along.

SPECIAL JUDGE

James H. Berry was elected a Special Judge when Judge Pittman was ineligible to serve. Andrew Gregg was Administrator of the estate of James Stephenson, with the will annexed. James A. Ferguson filed suit against J. B. Obershain, George C. Ward, and others. James Boyer sued J. F. Quillin.

David Mackey lawed Willis J. and Hiram King. The Judge handed down $10.00 fines against David Marrs for fighting, and if not paid to be hired out. Tolbert Mills also suffered a like penalty.

The murder charge against Newton Noblet was thrown out. C. R. Butler vs. William McIlroy was on appeal. Cyrus S. Thomason was administrator of the Estate of . . . and sued Daniel B. Mason. John Nutter filed suit against D. C. Price.

The State charged William Rutherford, John Rutherford and Calvin Rutherford with obstructing an officer. John had to pay the $50.00 fine — else the public improvements.

Mary Macon and William Q. Macon, minors, had the disability of minority removed so they could sign a deed to lands in Section 15, Township 18, Range 28. Jas. G. Adams, charged with larceny was discharged after a jury trial.

Levi Phillips was added to the petit jury, and Obed Cate to the Grand Jury panel. H. L. Crouch was named a deputy court clerk in October, 1877.

NEW TRIAL JURY

The first panel of the trial jury was discharged and the sheriff handed up a second panel which was ordered to report. Came George Morror, Jr., good juror, Greene B. McGuire, over age, George Simpson, sick, Henry Field, sick family. Anderson Karnes, over age, S. K. Stone, good juror, Moses Baum, school director, John Sharp, excused, sick, Jacob Keck, good juror, Thomas Terry, sick, J. J. Baggett, absent $10.00 fine. The price had gone up. Anderson David, good juror,

Samuel G. McClellan, not found, Willis, not found. Thomas Cline Jr., excused, John H. Cato, absent fine $10.00; Frank Irvin, school director, William Crawford, sick family, Robert Anderson, excused, Alex Tankersley, good juror, H. C. Pyeatt, excused sick family, Jasper Woodruff, school director, T. C. Patton, not found, Alex Davidson, good juror.

So went the opening of the October, 1877 Circuit Court.

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HISTORICAL MARKER MOVED

On July 7, 1963, the Washington County Historical Society erected a historical marker at the village of Dutch Mills commemorating the settlement of the community in 1850. At the same time the Society conferred upon Mrs. Ruth Leach, the postmistress, the title of "Distinguished Citizen" in honor of her long service to the community and west Washington County.

Mrs. Leach operated the post office and a general store there for many years. W. J. Lemke told the story of the settlement of the historic site by German immigrants named Wilhelmi. It was first called Hermannsburg.

Since 1963 the post office has been closed, stores which were busy places a few years ago have gone the way of many such establishments in deference to the supermarkets. Auto junkyards have become numerous throughout the countryside, and one of them sprang up around the historical marker at Dutch Mills.

Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Freeman and the Historical Society, the marker has been moved to a more suitable place on the road near the highway at the entrance to the community.

It is hoped that the new location will be more convenient to the passerby and also be better protected.

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ABANDONED CEMETERY

Dripping Springs used to be a community, southeast of Prairie Grove and southwest of West Fork some 10 miles. There was a school house and a church. The schoolhouse is now used for a haybarn. The cemetery is in a farm field owned by Dave Sargent of West Fork. It has no fence around it and is some 100 feet square. Some 50 or 60 graves are in the cemetery, only two marked: J. S. Hammontree and J. J. McDonald, early settlers in the little valley. The owner would like to fence the cemetery to preserve it but no funds are available for this purpose either by the state, county or Historical Society. Anyone wishing to help on the project might contact Mr. Sargent at West Fork. There have been no burials in the cemetery for the past 30 or 40 years.

GREENLAND SAW MILL

This steam sawmill was in operation at Greenland about 1933 to 1935. Left to right in the picture are M. B. Crider, Kenneth Webb, O. C. Turner and Bruce Crider. M. B. Crider owned and operated the mill. (Photo from the Bruce Crider Collection.)

Queries

Is there any one still living who attended the little country school called "Possum Holler" near Summers in Washington County? If so do you remember a Belle HAYES who attended there in the 1890's? Or does anyone have a picture of the students of that school in the 1890's that contains her picture? I am very interested in the history of that school as my grandmother attended there and would like to hear from anyone who can tell me anything about the school or any happenings connected with the school.

Mrs. T. E. Gray, Route 1, Elmwood, Okla. 73953.

I am trying to find information about my ancestors who came from Northwest Arkansas and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have information in family Bibles, family trees or old records about these ancestors of mine. Tom ROSS and his wife Lucy ARTHUR (her mother was a CURTIS). Their daughter, Margaret ROSS married Robert Alexander TUCKER (whose mother was an ERVIN). I have heard that Robert TUCKER's father was a circuit rider also named Robert Tucker. I have also heard that the Ross, Arthur and Curtis families were Cherokee Indians. If anyone knows about any of these people, please write to me.

W. Ross Berry, 3109 Garden Court, Pontiac, Mich. 48055.

I need information about J. R. SIMPSON in Barry County, Missouri by 1860. He was not there in 1850. Was he a part of the Simpson family of Washington County that moved to Missouri? America SIMPSON born about 1850 was probably his daughter. This family was not on any Barry County Missouri Census unless they were overlooked in reading the microfilm. Any help in finding this family would be appreciated.

Mrs. George Cooper, 1106 W. Pine St., Rogers, Ark. 72756.

I would like to contact a descendant of Owen RAMEY or someone who could tell me about Owen BRYAN, the grandfather for whom he was named. I believe Owen Bryan may have been closely related to William Bryan (1732-1780), who was the father of Mary Bryan, who married Col. John Van Hoose (1760-1860) of North Carolina and Ken-

tucky. Col. Van Hoose was the father of John Van Hoose, who in 1839 moved with his family to Hazel Valley, Col. John was the grandfather of James Hayden Van Hoose, early mayor of Fayetteville. I have considerable data on this family and would like to correspond on the subject.

Mrs. W. E. R. Crawford, P.O. Box 947, Idyllwild, Calif. 92349.

Need information on Frethias RICE listed as living in Bennett's Bayou in Izard County in 1840. His wife was Elizabeth. Also need information on Philip MICHAEL listed in the 1860 census of Clarksville. With him were his wife, M. Caroline, nee BASKIN and their children Robert, Rebecca, Mary, Nancy, Philip Jr. and Sarah (Succie). Philip Sr. came to Arkansas about 1820 as Philip Jr. was born in 1826 in Arkansss. Any information will be appreciaetd.

Mrs. Doris Parker, 913 West 5th, Pawhuska, Okla. 74056.

Joseph (born about 1810 in North Carolina) and Henry (born about 1815 in North Carolina) MULLINS were living in Washington County in 1850 with their families. In 1860 they were in Madison County as was Moses MULLINS (born 1776 in North Carolina). I would like to correspond with anyone who can exchange information on the Mullins of Northwest Arkansas.

Mrs. Gene Harris, 1404 Borget St., Plainview, Tex. 79072.

I still need help. Nancy L. STOVALL was born at Evansville, Ark. Oct. 27, 1850. Her parents are believed to be John and Rebecca STOVALL. She had two sisters and one brother that I know of. They were Belle, Essie and John. Her mother burned to death about 1896 while helping her son John burn cornstalks in the field. She was buried near Dutch Mills where the family was living at that time. Can anyone help me with ancestors or descendants. I will answer all correspondence.

Mrs. Lottie E. Richardson, P.O. Box 9253 Sta. A., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80932.

I need help. My uncles father was Frank GORDON born 14 Feb 1869 in New York City. On 25 June 1902 he was married to Sarah Elizabeth RUCKMANN. They were of Vale in Washington County, Ark They were married by James J. Vaulx, rector of St. Paul's Church They homesteaded some property in Washington County and later sold

it to a Mr. Spear. Frank worked for a hardwood factory in Fayetteville. My uncle's name was Frank Adam GORDON. When he was about 12 years old his father left the family in Fayetteville saying they would never see nor hear of him again and they haven't. Besides my uncle there were two younger brothers, Lawrence and Elbert and a sister, Eva. I have been searching for any clue as to where Frank Gordon may have gone and also for the names of his parents. He had brothers and sisters, but the only names known is that of a brother named John. Sarah Elizabeth Ruckmann Gordon filed for divorce on 7 June 1916 at Neosho, Mo. She died 27 Feb. 1960 at Webb City, Mo. Is there anyone there who may have known the Gordon family that could help me find where Frank Gordon went? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Frank Rogers, 452 Park St., Porterville, Calif. 93257.

I would like to hear from anyone related to or having knowledge of the PHELAN family. Can anyone give me any information relating to the connection between my great-grandfather, Richard PHELAN (born 1801) and Jeremiah PHELAN (born 1813) whose wife was Frances?

Mrs. Ardys Moore Crapo, 1541 E. 1630th N., North Logan, Utah 84321

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EARLY PHYSICIAN

Mrs. Virginia Robinson Hadfield of Fayetteville tells us that the Allen Robinson listed in Early Day Physicians (FLASHBACK, 1972) is James Allen Robinson, who graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical College at Nashville on March 22, 1894.

Mrs. Hadfield writes "I have not verified the filing or accreditation date but family records indicate that Dr. Robinson was in Wedington in 1895; a ledger for the years 1896-1900 gave Dutch Mills as his home; and in 1901 he lived in Stilwell, Oklahoma Territory. For health reasons he took his family to Ingram and Del Rio, Texas in 1902, returning to Arkansas in 1903."

She also identifies Dr. Charles M. Robinson as a half-brother to James Allen and Dr. Frank P. Robinson as a cousin. She says they all graduated from the same medical school and all were natives of Greenville, Tenn.

Thanks, Mrs. Hadfield, for this added bit of information on these early day Washington County physicians.

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